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## HPSP/FYGME NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME!

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On behalf of Colonel Raines, (Director), COL Mascette, (Deputy Director) and the rest of the Medical Education staff, we would like to extend a hearty welcome to all of our new Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) students. You will find that Army HPSP will be a rewarding and exciting experience. Please take some time to read through this newsletter as it is packed with information. As some of you may already be aware, last summer, we launched our new HPSP Web-based application. The on-line application allows us to manage student records on the web as well as give students access to their record. In this regard, students are able to pre-enroll as a new HPSP recipient, have the ability to update changes to their personal data, request leave of absence (LOA) and request to return from LOA. We have made many enhancements over the past year and we are very excited that we will be adding the ADT module this week. Future projects are also in the developmental stages: First Year Graduate Medical Education (FYGME) application process and terminations and discharges. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding our web-based application, please feel free to contact us.

#### ON-LINE ACCESS TO THE HPSP WEB-BASED APPLICATION

If you have not requested a logon ID and password to access the HPSP web-based application, I encourage you to do so immediately. Instructions for requesting a logon ID and password can be obtained by calling the Student Management Office or emailing us. Chapter 1 of the HPSP Policy (02-2) handbook also contain the instructions for obtaining a logon ID.

**NEW HPSP RECIPIENTS** - All new recipients of HPSP are required to pre-enroll on-line to activate their entitlements. Recruiters should ensure that once the student's enrollment packet is forwarded to USAREC Headquarters, that students take time to pre-enroll. Once this is done, the system will automatically provide a "Welcome Letter" to the student which addresses tuition and pay issues. The student will have unlimited access of the HPSP handbook or be able to print a copy.

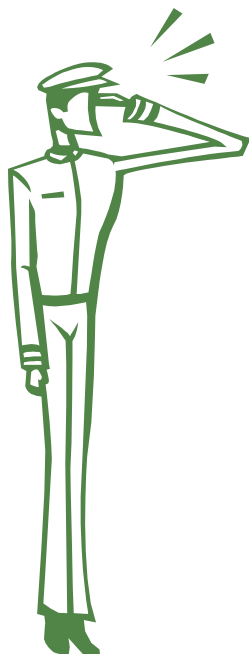
Web address is [www.mods.army.mil/medicaleducation](http://www.mods.army.mil/medicaleducation)

#### ADT ON LINE

Effective mid March, we're happy to announce that we will be launching the first of a two-phase process the Active Duty Training (ADT) module on line. Students will be able to go on-line and request to go on ADT. The ADT request form and the Medical Exam Form will all be processed on line. The second phase will be released in May. This module will include enhancements from the first release and automatic system notification of ADTs. This means that the system will notify students that a deadline is missed or if the student has not requested the required ADT. For questions about ADT, please contact your Student Services advisor.

#### NEW CONSULTANTS: DENTAL AND OPTOMETRY

The Medical Education Directorate would like to welcome our new Dental Consultant, COL John Miller and the Optometry Consultant, COL George Adams. Students who need career advice in either of these disciplines are encouraged to contact either Consultant for guidance. Their telephone number is on page 4. Also, there is an article from Dental Corps on page 8 and from the Optometry Consultant on page 6.



## Officer Basic Course (OBC)

The HPSP OBC class dates for this summer are June 17 - July 26, 2002, in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. By now, 1<sup>st</sup> year Medical and Dental students should have received an email message regarding OBC attendance to ascertain if any conflicts with their school schedule exist. Refer to the HPSP Policy handbook for details if conflicts exist.

**HPSP Attendance.** Attendance at OBC is mandatory for 1<sup>st</sup> year medical and dental students who are automatically scheduled to attend. Second year students who could not attend OBC last year will also be required to attend OBC this summer. By Corps Directive, clinical psychology, optometry, nurse and veterinary HPSP recipients are exempt from the summer OBC class. These students are required to attend the full length OBC following graduation.

**OBC MEDCEN Day (27 June 02)** - Students who attend OBC this summer will have an opportunity to meet hospital representatives who will give a specialty specific presentation in the morning followed by a presentation about their hospital in the afternoon. There will also be a presentation from the Director, Medical Education and possibly from the Chief of Medical Corps. Students will have the opportunity to interact individually with each of these speakers.

**OBC Advances.** Students attending OBC this summer will be given an automatic advance, from their ADT pay, of \$1000 which will be deposited directly into their account approximately one week prior to OBC.

This advance will help defray the cost of uniform purchases made during the first week of OBC. Assistance is also available for those students who need a second advance, from their travel, to cover the cost of lodging. Students needing a second advance should contact their Student Services Advisor.

**OBC Welcome letter.** Once the Student Management Office has scheduled you for OBC, you should receive a post card from the OBC TAC Officer. You will be instructed to visit their web site to obtain a copy of the welcome letter as well as a listing of items you need to bring. You may visit their web site at <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/obc/>

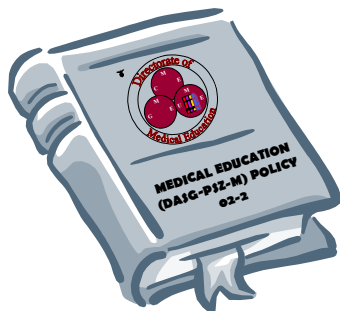
### SERVICEMEN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE (SGLI) FAMILY COVERAGE

Please note that family members of Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) participants are not eligible for the SGLI Family coverage. If your bi-monthly pay is being deducted, you need to contact Mr. Bauer, Army Military Pay Operations, (317) 510-7635 to clear up this matter.

### OPTOMETRY BOARDS

In coordination with the Optometry Consultant, the Army will reimburse HPSP optometry students for their National Boards for Optometry Examination (NBOE) up to \$600 for each step (Step 1, 2 and 3). In this regard, students are required to submit a copy of their scores to the Student Management Office eight weeks from the test date. Students who receive a failing score the second time or fails to submit required scores will be put on a leave of absence (LOA). Students will be required to retake the test at the next scheduled date. During the LOA period, all entitlements are stopped and will be retroactive upon submission of a passing score. Policy details will be published at the next iteration of the HPSP Policy Handbook. Retake registration fees are the responsibility of the student. If you have any questions, please contact your Student Services Advisor.

### HPSP POLICY HANDBOOK AND FORMS



Effective October 2001, due to the increasing cost of printing these handbooks, in coordination with the US Army Recruiting Command, it was decided that only new HPSP recipients would be mailed a copy of the new HPSP policy handbook. All students however, have unlimited access to the handbook on-line at [www.mods.army.mil/medicaleducation](http://www.mods.army.mil/medicaleducation) under General Info. You must, of course, have a logon ID and password to get to the internal General Info. Plans are underway to move the handbook to the external General Info section so that anyone can have access to it without a logon ID and password. Forms in the handbook can be obtained in [www.armymedicine.army.mil/medcom/meded](http://www.armymedicine.army.mil/medcom/meded) by clicking on UME Division and scrolling down until you see "HPSP Forms." Plans are underway to incorporate the forms on-line with the web-based application.

## MEDICAL STUDENTS

### Class of 2003

Third year medical students who would like some idea of what to expect for the 2002 FYGME application process for training beginning 2003, may go to our home page at [www.armymedicine.army.mil/medcen/meded](http://www.armymedicine.army.mil/medcen/meded). The information that is currently published in our homepage is geared toward the current 4<sup>th</sup> year students. However, there is valuable information (Letter of Instruction (LOI), application, ERAS information, timelines, etc.) and a list of requirements necessary for the application process. The actual LOI for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students will be posted in our homepage and will also be sent out to each third year student sometime in July 2002 following approval of the school year plan from The Surgeon General.

### Joint Service GME Selection Board (JSGMESB)

The JSGMESB met in Arlington, VA in November and results were released on December 13, 2001, with formal notification letters mailed out December 28, 2001. The match was quite successful and 85% of the students matched to Army FYGME positions. We are pleased to say that 84% of those who matched to Army positions received their first or second choice. The next JSGMESB will be held 2-6 December 2002. Statistics for the 2002 class will be posted in our homepage sometime in the Spring.



### FYGME CIVILIAN DEFERMENTS

If you received a deferment to complete your internship/residency in a civilian institution, orders will not be issued. Report date should be coordinated with the institution that selected you. Please ensure that you forward the following documents to our office.

1. Letter of Acceptance (LOA) - send a copy of your LOA immediately to us upon receipt.
2. Boards - ensure that you forward a copy of your USMLE/COMLEX Step 2 score.
3. Acknowledgement Forms (AF) - if you have not sent in your AF, please do this immediately.
4. Your oath of office must not be signed prior to graduation date. Ensure that you execute a Captain's oath and provide a copy to this office. Not doing so may affect your pay and promotion status upon entry to active duty.



### FYGME ORDERS/PCS MOVE

FYGME ORDERS—Our office is in the midst of gathering information for active duty orders. To ensure that a hold will not be put on your orders, the following should be met.

1. Physicals should be within five years from the date of your last physical. By now, our office should have called you to get this updated. If you haven't already, please send a copy of the new physical to our office.
2. Boards—Ensure that we have your USMLE/COMLEX Step 2 scores in our office.
3. Acknowledgement Forms (AF) -Ensure that you return the AF to our office immediately.
4. Constructive Service Credit - Per instructions in the FYGME Letter of Instructions (LOI), submission of transcript and diploma for a graduate degree or DD 214 for time served on active duty as a commissioned officer, will enable us to calculate credit for rank purposes. Getting these done after you come on active duty may take awhile to resolve. Contact us immediately if you have any questions.

You should receive your actual orders from late March through May, or at least 30 days prior to your report date.

PCS MOVE—Contact your local recruiter's office for assistance with your move. To find the nearest transportation office in your area, go to <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/jppsowa/>. This site has a myriad of information regarding shipment of household goods, list of what and what not to ship, shipping of firearms, vehicle, etc. We urge you to visit this site so that you are also aware of your moving rights.

Some of you may have received your welcome letter from your gaining unit (select hospital). The welcome letter is packed with in-processing and personnel information which should answer most of your questions. If you have not received your welcome letter, you should call the hospital's Graduate Medical Education (GME) office or the program of the gaining command to obtain one. There are documents you will need to provide to make in-processing and your move a smooth transition.



## **RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITIES**

As a continuation of last year's newsletter, we have included short articles of specialties available for training for PGY1. Let us know what you think about these articles. If you have any suggestions or would like to see a certain specialty featured, do contact us, we'd love to hear from you. Page 8 of this newsletter lists the Army Military Training Facilities, their address and GME Office phone numbers.

### **Army OB/GYN**

The Army provides the Obstetrician and Gynecologist many outstanding practice opportunities. The specialty is a mixture of surgery, primary care and general medicine. This enables an OB/GYN provider to take care of women's primary and preventive care issues, while at the same time, address their reproductive and surgical needs. Thus, the OB/GYN provider can uniquely meld together the role of consultant and primary care provider for women. The only absolute requirement for this specialty is that you must enjoy taking care of women.

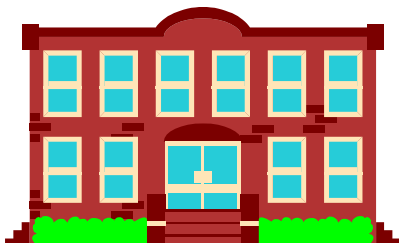
Obstetrics in the Army encompasses the total care of the patient from preconceptual counseling to routine as well as high risk prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum care. Many obstetric practices in the military are integrated with Midwives and Family Practice physicians to offer the low risk obstetric patient more options for prenatal care and birthing experiences. As Obstetricians, we are the leader of this obstetrical team and are consulted when the patient needs surgical intervention or experiences complications. These practice patterns allow for many teaching opportunities even in small community hospitals where the OB/GYN provider is the "expert."

Gynecologic care in the Army encompasses preventive well woman care as well as active evaluation and treatment of both benign and malignant diseases of the reproductive tract, to include infertility evaluation and treatment. A large active duty female population as well as the full spectrum of dependents population provides a broad spectrum of pathology. All the current surgical techniques are available to include operative laparoscopies, hysterectomies, anti-incontinence procedures, etc. The experience is such that the majority of Army OB/GYN's have historically excelled in actual number of cases performed in the collection year of the oral board examination. Army OB/GYN providers have one of the highest board certification pass rates of any institution.

In conclusion, Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Army is both exciting and gratifying. The mission is important in that it helps to preserve the fighting strength by caring for female soldiers and includes dependent care of the Army family.



### **School Visits**



Throughout the course of the Spring semester, Drs. Raines and Mascette travel to the various participating schools to meet with ROTC and HPSP students. Regretfully, with over 150 participating medical schools, they cannot visit every school. However, we hope to try to meet many of you, talk about life as an AMEDD Officer and answer any questions you may have. Some of the States or Cities that will be visited are as follows: March - Carolinas, Oklahoma, Great Lakes, Indianapolis, Chicago, and Cleveland; April - New Hampshire/Vermont, Erie, PA, Syracuse, St. Louis, Rocky Mountain, and Minneapolis. If you would like to meet with either Drs. Raines or Mascette, contact your local Health Care Recruiter to obtain details of their visits.

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### **HPSP CONSULTANTS**

All students in HPSP have a Health Care Discipline Consultant. If you need career guidance or counseling, please contact one of the following Consultants based on your discipline.

Medical – COL Mascette	1-877-MED-ARMY
Dental – COL Miller	(703) 681-3033/3031
Veterinary – COL Vroegindewey	(210) 221-6564 (TX)
Optometry – COL Adams	(703) 681-3152
Psychology – COL Crandell	(210) 221-8909 (TX)
Nurse Anesthetists – COL Allison	(253) 968-1070 (WA)



## U.S. ARMY CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY RESIDENCY PROGRAM AND HPSP

Congratulations to all new recipients of the HPSP Scholarship for Clinical Psychology! I want to take just a moment to inform the new recipients and remind those currently receiving this scholarship of a few of the many benefits this scholarship presents to you as well as some of your obligations.

First, please take advantage of the opportunity to complete a 45-day active duty training (ADT) at one of the three U.S. Army Clinical Psychology Residency Programs (CPRP): Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Tripler Army Medical Center, or Walter Reed Army Medical Center. You will be able to learn more about the Army and Army Psychology, receive invaluable training, and have the opportunity to preview one of the programs prior to submission of your Rank Order List to the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) National Matching Program. See your HPSP Handbook for details on how to request ADT and coordinate this training with one of the CPRP Directors or Training. Contact information for each of the Directors of Training is provided below:

### **Eisenhower Army Medical Center (Program Code # 2361)**

<http://www.ddeamc.amedd.army.mil/Clinical/MentalHealth/Psychology/PsyHome.htm>

POC: LTC. John H. Trakowski, Jr., Ph.D. ([john.trakowski@amedd.army.mil](mailto:john.trakowski@amedd.army.mil))

(706) 787-8134 or 3780

### **Tripler Army Medical Center (Program Code # 2421)**

<http://www.tamc.amedd.army.mil/residency.htm>

POC: LTC Gary Southwell, Ph.D. ([gary.southwell@amedd.army.mil](mailto:gary.southwell@amedd.army.mil))

(808) 433-606

### **Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Program Code # 1941)**

<http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/departments/psychology/trainingindex.htm>

POC: MAJ Stacey Williams, Ph.D., ABPP ([stacey.williams@amedd.army.mil](mailto:stacey.williams@amedd.army.mil))

(202) 782-0066 or 65



### **Here is some important information about APPIC's National Matching Program and the U.S. Army CPRP.**

- You still must submit an application to the Army CPRP through your local AMEDD Recruiter—being an HPSP recipient does not automatically enroll you in an Army CPRP.
- There is only one application required for all three Army programs. The deadline is usually December 1<sup>st</sup>, so give yourself plenty of time to complete the application. All application materials go through your AMEDD Recruiter. You do not need to send letters of recommendation or transcripts to each individual program.
- Please be advised that the selection board will be selecting the best-qualified candidates for the CPRP. This means that they do not need to select an applicant just because he or she is an HPSP recipient. Therefore, make your application competitive. Make sure that your motivation statement truly reflects your best work—there should be no spelling or grammatical errors, and it should reflect your sincere desire to serve in the U.S. Army.
- As a condition of receiving the HPSP scholarship you are required to Rank the three Army sites as the top three choices on your Rank Ordered List for submission in the APPIC National Match. We will not be asking you in what order you ranked each individual program or the other civilian programs you are applying to, but the Army must be listed as your top three choices. APPIC has granted to the Army this exception to Match policy based on your receipt of an Army Scholarship.
- Please do apply to other civilian APA-approved sites in addition to the Army as required in your HPSP contract. You may not apply to an Air Force or Navy internship/residency program. If not matched to an Army Residency Program, following successful completion of an APA-approved civilian internship, you will enter the Army as a Psychologist to complete your period of obligated service.

Finally, please contact the CPRP Director of Training (DOT) nearest you. Start a dialogue with that DOT so that he or she may assist you better in your transition into the Army and Army Psychology. The Clinical Psychology HPSP is a great program and, coupled with the Army Clinical Psychology Residency Program, they present a great opportunity to receive some of the best training available in the world. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

LTC Mark K. Davis, Psy.D., U.S. Army

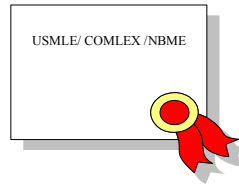
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D. D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Augusta (Fort Gordon), GA 30905-5650

Voice: 706-787-3780; Fax: 706-787-5318; Email: [mark.davis@amedd.army.mil](mailto:mark.davis@amedd.army.mil)

## REMINDERS:

**Boards:** This is a good time to remind each of you in the medical and dental programs about licensure exam requirements. Fourth year medical and dental students are reminded that the deadline for providing results of Part 2 of the USMLE/COMLEX/NBDE is already past. If you have not been granted a waiver, and have not yet taken Part 2 of the Board, you risk interruption of your entitlements. First and second year medical and dental students are reminded that results for Part 1 of USMLE/COMLEX/NBDE are due by August 31<sup>st</sup> after completion of the second academic year. Results for Part 2 of the USMLE/COMLEX are due by October 15<sup>th</sup> after completion of the third academic year. These timelines hold true regardless of whether your school holds similar requirements for the boards, so plan ahead! As stated in the Handbook, results for Part 2 of the NBDE are due by January 15<sup>th</sup> during your 4<sup>th</sup> year. However, we recently made a change to the submission date of NBDE Part 2 to 28 February to accommodate students who took a written/manual exam.



**Change in Academic Status/Failed a Course or Board:** Contact us immediately and ask what your options are. Failure to contact our office to update a change in your academic status, to include dismissal from school, could result in legal actions being administered for attempting to defraud the government..

**Physical Exams (PE):** It is a requirement to remain in HPSP and to apply for FYGME, that students have a current physical exam on file. An exam is current if the date completed is less than five years old and there have been no significant changes in the student's health. If there has been a significant change in your medical condition since the accomplishment of that medical examination, you must notify this office. If you need to schedule a physical, contact your local recruiter for assistance.

### **Attention Graduating Members:**



**Entitlements** are automatically terminated as of May 10<sup>th</sup> unless you advise us of a later graduation date. No stipend is paid from graduation through report date. Assistance for advance pay may be obtained through the personnel office of the gaining unit upon reporting for active duty. We urge all students to plan and budget wisely during the transition period. You should also contact your health care recruiter to ensure you are reappointed to the appropriate higher rank on graduation (not before) to receive higher pay when reporting for active duty. Be sure to send us a copy of the new oath of office and to keep a copy for yourself.

**Transcript/Diploma** - once you graduate from medical school, you need to provide a certified true copy of your final transcript to this office. You will also be required to provide your medical school diploma and transcript to your gaining command, so you should bring extra copies with you.

## ARMY OPTOMETRY

Welcome to Army Optometry. Army Optometrists are the primary eye and vision care providers on the Army Health Care Team. As primary care providers, Optometrists can enjoy a purely clinical practice in a hospital, and operational assignments are available with field units. Optometrists can also take on less traditional roles in aeromedical visual science research, telemedicine, residency training, vision conservation and readiness, optical fabrication laboratory management, teaching or program development. Opportunities are also available to participate in humanitarian relief and assistance visits to foreign countries. At the more senior levels, optometrists serve as consultants in a staff capacity for vision conservation and readiness, managed care, program management, and at Department of the Army and Defense levels.

COL George L. Adams III was assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General in June 2001. He is the Army Consultant for Optometry, the Chief of Army Optometry, and the Assistant Chief of the Medical Service Corps. You may contact COL Adams at (703) 681-3152, or via e-mail at [george.adams@otsg.amedd.army.mil](mailto:george.adams@otsg.amedd.army.mil).

The Army offers two one-year Residency Programs in Primary Care Optometry at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX and the US Military Academy at West Point, NY. The residency at Brooke Army Medical Center is affiliated with Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK, and the West Point Residency is affiliated with the State University of New York. HPSP students are eligible to apply during their fourth academic year, and the application deadline is 30 November. The application process is competitive, and those selected will begin their residency training immediately after graduation on 1 July. Residency trained doctors complete utilization tours after the residency in primary care clinics around the world, typically as the sole eye care provider. Interested students should contact COL Adams for further information.

Graduating HPSP students are reminded that they should sign a new Oath of Office, DA Form 71, on Graduation Day. This will start your time for pay in the Army.





## Physical Medicine

A physiatrist (phys-e-at-ris-t) is a physician who specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation, a branch of medicine emphasizing the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of patients whose functional abilities have been temporarily or permanently impaired. This dysfunction may result from neuromuscular disorders, musculoskeletal conditions, or cardiopulmonary diseases. In addition to therapeutics used in general medical practice, physiatrists use mechanical and physical agents such as therapeutic exercise, heat, water and electricity to improve the functional capabilities of patients of all ages. The physiatrist is the leader of a therapeutic alliance of physical and occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, prosthetists, orthotists, biomedical engineers and vocational rehabilitation specialists.

The physiatrist is specially trained in the use of pharmacologic therapies and dynamic interventions in the treatment of musculoskeletal and neuromuscular conditions and their disabilities. Specific exercise programs and more invasive techniques such as soft tissue and joint injections are tailored to meet patient's therapeutic needs. The holistic approach to treatment includes the use of assistive and adaptive equipment including gait and mobility aids, communication aids, bracing and prosthetics.

For further information regarding application or rotating through a clerkship in PM&R, please contact:

MAJ Paul Pasquina, M.D., US Army MC  
Director, Residency Training Program  
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Service.  
Bldg.2, Room 3J Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
Washington, DC 20307-5001  
Phone: (202) 782-6368/69



## IMMUNIZATIONS

All students who perform ADT at military hospitals must get some immunizations at their schools before you arrive for ADT. So plan ahead. The completed Hepatitis series (3 shots) is preferred and should be completed, if possible, according to schedule prior to arriving at a medical treatment facility to perform ADT. Students must have documentation of two childhood doses of Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) or documented immunity for all three diseases. Without MMR documentation, immunization is required prior to arriving at a medical treatment facility to perform ADT. Influenza is required and may be obtained at the medical facility where ADT is performed when seasonally available (October-February). If you do not have a history of Varicella, you must obtain this immunization in advance or upon arrival at the medical treatment facility where ADT is performed, if it is available. Costs associated with these immunizations are reimbursed under the cost data worksheet.



## Address Change, Change In Personal Status or W-2

Help us to better serve you and keep you informed of what's going on. Every month our office receives numerous letters and email messages returned to us because they are undeliverable. We also make numerous telephone calls only to get "no longer in service" recordings. If you have a change in your address, phone number, email address, where you want your W-2 mailed or emergency contact, you may go directly on-line in your personal data to update these. Changes such as marital status, name or state of residency, please refer to you handbook or contact your Student Service Advisor. As you know, it is your responsibility to keep us apprised of any changes. Not doing so may lead to interruption of entitlements.



## ARMY DENTAL TRAINING NEWS

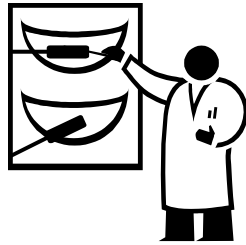


The Army Dental Corps is recognized for its outstanding dental graduate training opportunities. Traditionally, senior dental students and newly accessed officers could only apply for a one-year program in general dentistry (AGD-1 year). Until this year, selection to attend an Army dental specialty training program was limited to dentists who had served a few years in the Army.

This year's residency selection board met in December and 13 senior dental students were selected for training in Comprehensive Dentistry, Endodontics, Pediatric Dentistry and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Specific information on residency applications and deadlines will be available for next year later this summer. For more information regarding training opportunities go to the Graduate Dental website, [www.cs.amedd.army.mil/dhet](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/dhet), call Ms. Jackie Amaya, 210-221-8912, [Jackie.Amaya@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Jackie.Amaya@amedd.army.mil), or Ms. Kay Barrett, 210-221-0079, [Kay.Barrett@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Kay.Barrett@amedd.army.mil)

### DENTAL ADTs

Second, third and fourth year students who wish to do an ADT at an Army Dental Activity (DENTAC) and need help arranging it, please contact Ms. Jackie Amaya. She can point you in right direction for scheduling a productive and worthwhile ADT. Make sure you have your available dates and remember the ADT must be a minimum of 21 days and follow the general guidelines outlined in the HPSP policy handbook.



### OFFICER BASIC COURSE FOR 2002 DENTAL GRADUATES

The OBC will start on July 1, 2002 for dental officers who have not previously attended OBC. The first week at Fort Sam Houston for dentists is the 'dental track'. The track consists of orientation into the Army, and the Army Dental Care System. A detailed welcome letter will be sent to each officer from the Dental Science Division, Army Medical Department Center and School, in April. In the meantime, questions should be directed to Ms. Jackie Amaya, 210-221-8912, [Jackie.Amaya@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Jackie.Amaya@amedd.army.mil). The OBC website is [www.cs.amedd.army.mil/obc](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/obc). Officers who have not received a welcome letter by early May should contact Ms. Amaya for assistance.

## MEDICAL TRAINING FACILITIES

SAUSHEC/Brooke Army Medical Center  
3851 Roger Brooke Drive  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234-6200  
GME Office: (210) 916-3038/2222/4652

Eisenhower Army Medical Center  
Fort Gordon, GA 31905-5650  
GME Office: (706) 787-4657/1398/1398

Madigan Army Medical Center  
Tacoma, WA 98431-5009  
GME Office: (253) 968-1499/0354/1899

Tripler Army Medical Center  
Tripler AMC, HI 96859-5000  
GME Office: (808) 433-6992/6982

NCC/Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
Washington, DC 20307-5001

William Beaumont Army Medical Center  
El Paso, TX 79920-2097  
GME Office: (915) 569-2521/2597

Womack Army Medical Center  
Fort Bragg, NC 28310  
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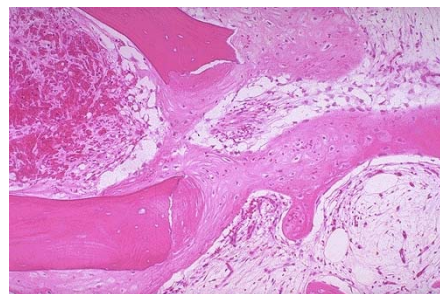
**Aerospace Medicine** (AM) is a branch of Preventive Medicine that deals with the clinical and preventive medicine requirements of man in atmospheric flight and space. Man is an earth-bound creature who must have protection to enter the hostile environment of atmospheric or space flight. To a large degree, we are taking humans with normal physiology and placing them in an abnormal environment and causing potential pathology. AM specialists must address hazards such as hypoxia, barotrauma, decompression sickness, impact and sustained acceleration, spatial disorientation, microgravity and cosmic radiation among other things. Military operational requirements often add an additional layer of complexity when trying to mitigate these hazards **AND** maximize human performance. The AM specialist protects his patient population through careful screening and selection, regular monitoring, and by spearheading research initiatives aimed at protecting man in this hostile environment. As Army Aerospace Medicine Specialists, we must also be competent clinicians in order to be effective aviation brigade surgeons. We must be able to manage the vast majority of the routine and urgent care requirements of the soldiers in our brigade.

Accordingly, Army Aerospace Medicine residents must complete a clinical PGY-1 (internship) year at an accredited facility prior to applying for the residency. The PGY-2 year of the residency consists of a Master of Public Health (MPH). Currently, all residents are attending the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) at Galveston for their MPH. The program at UTMB is specifically tailored to meet the needs of the UTMB-NASA Aerospace Medicine residency. As such, the UTMB program provides an unparalleled intensive year of training that meets the requirements of the MPH and provides one-of-a-kind coverage of aviation and space medicine issues. The PGY-3 year (aerospace practicum year) is completed at the Naval Operational Medicine Institute in Pensacola. AM residents who have prior residency training in a clinical discipline depart for their utilization tour after the PGY-3 year. Those AM residents without prior specialty training remain for the PGY-4 year. PGY-4 year rotations include 3-4 months of additional preventive and occupational medicine training and 8-9 months of clinical rotations. Clinical rotations focus on outpatient medicine and include cardiology, emergency medicine, ENT, dermatology, and sports medicine among others.

Those desiring additional information about a career in Army Aerospace Medicine or about the AM residency should contact LTC Otto Boneta at the Naval Operational Medicine Institute, [ofboneta@nomi.med.navy.mil](mailto:ofboneta@nomi.med.navy.mil)."

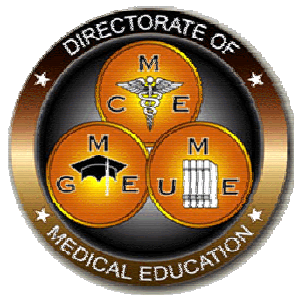
## Pathology

Pathology is a challenging and rewarding specialty which forms a bridge between the science of medicine and the art of patient care. The pathologist is a consultant to clinical specialties, interpreting clinical laboratory data, managing the utilization of blood products, making morphologic diagnoses on a spectrum of tissues and body fluids, and providing insight into disease and treatment through autopsy examinations. The pathologist's consultative role means less direct patient contact, but provides a stimulating environment for lifetime education and supports a pleasant lifestyle.



The Army provides a variety of practice opportunities for the pathologist, from a community hospital setting, to a tertiary care center, to a subspecialty academic consultative practice. Clinical and basic science research are supported by a spectrum of activities. Excellent training programs are available in anatomic and clinical pathology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center/ National Naval Medical Center (Washington DC area), Brooke Army Medical Center/ Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center (San Antonio, TX), and Madigan Army Medical Center (Tacoma, WA). Subspecialty training in areas such as hematopathology, dermatopathology, cytopathology, and forensic pathology are also available.

Be a "doctor's doctor", try pathology! For additional information about Army programs contact COL Carol Adair at [carol.adair@na.amedd.army.mil](mailto:carol.adair@na.amedd.army.mil).



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